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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE - 22 JUNE

1. LANDSAT IMAGERY. THE TWO PICTURES OF DROUGHT IN THE USSR OF WHICH THE SOV DEL EARLIER COMPLAINED WERE TRANSFORMED OVERNIGHT INTO A LARGE PICTURE OF THE HIGHLANDS OF SAUDI ARABIA.

2. COSPAR MEETING IN TEL AVIV. COSPAR PRESIDENT DE JAGER NOTED WITH COME PRIDETO MIOFF THAT THE ANNUAL COSPAR MEETING FROM WHICH HE HAS JUST COME WAS ATTENDED BY AN 11-MEMBER USSR DEL AS WELL AS ONE FROM THE GDR. THE SOVIETS HAD ORIGINALLY CONSIDERED BOYCOTTING THE TEL AVIV SESSION. THIS WAS A "FIRST", DE JAGER OBSERVED.

3. OSC OBSERVERS. OSC CHAIRMAN JANKOWITSCH READ OUT THE COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S TEL ASKING THAT COLOMBIA BE INVITED TO SIT WITH THE COMMITTEE. JANKOWITSCH OBTAINED THE COMMITTEE'S AGREEMENT, ON A NON-OBJECTION BASIS, TO INVITE A REPRESENTATIVE OF COLOMBIA TO TAKE THE FLOOR AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME (A LIKE INVITATION BEING EXTENDED TO ECUADOR AT  
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ITS REQUEST). HE SAID THIS WAS A COURTESY TO THESE TWO STATES AND WAS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO DISPOSITION OF SUCH REQUESTS IN THE FUTURE.

4. DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE WORKING GROUP. ACCEPTING THE US-UK VIEW THAT THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD BEGIN WORK ONLY FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE GENERAL DEBATE IN THE PLENARY,

WG CHAIRMAN RADEL HAS ARRANGED FOR A FIRST SITTING OF THE WG PM 23 JUNE AND A SECOND AM 24 JUNE. PRIVATELY, WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN A CANADIAN/SWEDISH REVISION OF THE "NEW YORK" DBS TEXT WHICH FOLLOWS CLOSELY THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BRITISH AIDE-MEMOIRE OF 20 MAY IN REMOVING THE BRACKETS CONTAINED IN THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE'S TEXT. DETAILS SEPTEL.

5. GENERAL DEBATE. THE INITIAL PLENARY MEETINGS HAVE BEEN LENGTHY; ALMOST ALL OF THE 37 MEMBERS WILL HAVE SPOKEN BY THE END OF THE GENERAL DEBATE ON THE 23RD. VIEWS EXPRESSED HAVE BEEN PREDICTABLE. THE TWIN THEMES STRONGLY SOUNDED BY THE LDC MEMBERS HAVE BEEN (A) THE INADEQUACY OF EXISTING UN SPACE APPLICATIONS PROGRAMS (REGIONAL SEMINARS ON REMOTE SENSING AND DBS, E.G.), THEIR HIGH QUALITY NOTWITHSTANDING; AND (B) THE NEED FOR AN EARLY, SUBSTANTIAL AND ADEQUATELY PREPARED SPACE CONFERENCE TO PROMOTE GREATER INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE WAYS IN WHICH PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF SPACE TECHNOLOGY CAN FACILITATE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE LDC'S. MANY OF THE LDC'S HAVE ALSO STRONGLY INSISTED ON THE RELEVANCE OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY AND PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY IN CONNECTION WITH DISSEMINATION OF REMOTELY SENSED INFORMATION TO THIRD COUNTRIES AND PARTIES AS WELL AS IN THE FOREIGN TV DBS CONTEXT. THE INDONESIAN STATEMENT, DELIVERED BY UN AMB ANWAR SANI, WAS TYPICAL; SPEAKING OF DBS, HE URGED THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION IS NOT ABSOLUTE BUT NEEDS TO BE SEEN IN CONTEXT OF OTHER FUNDA-  
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MENTAL PRINCIPLES SUCH AS STATE SOVEREIGNTY AND IN THE LIGHT OF THE FRAGILITY OF THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FABRIC OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH THEIR GOVERNMENTS NATURALLY FEEL OBLIGED TO TRY TO PROTECT. WITH RESPECT TO THE GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT, SANI WAS RELATIVELY RESTRAINED, SAYING THERE IS A GENUINE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN PLANNING FOR THE USE OF THE GEO ORBIT AND THAT A FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED PRACTICE IS SUBJECT TO ABUSE.

6. IRAN, AFTER GENERAL REMARKS, STATED THAT PLANNED REMOTE SENSING RESOLUTIONS FINER THAN 50 METERS MAKE MORE PRESSING THE NEED FOR A LEGAL REGIME COVERING REMOTE SENSING. USED THIS AS BASIS FOR RECOMMENDING CLOSER TIES BETWEEN S AND T AND LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEES. REMOTE SENSING PRINCIPLES 6 THROUGH 11 STRONGLY COMMENDED. ALSO RECOMMENDS A PRINCIPLE ON PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER BOTH RESOURCES AND INFORMATION PERTAINING TO RESOURCES. OFFERED OPINION THAT INCREASING ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF REMOTE SENSING WILL ACCELERATE GOING OPERATIONAL.

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7. ON DBS, IRAN STATED OPINION THAT WARC WAS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE RESOLUTION OF QUESTIONS ON BROADCASTS BUT FELT THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL MATTERS OF STATES WAS OF PRIMARY CONCERN. CITED NEED FOR PROPER BALANCE BETWEEN FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION AND STATE SOVEREIGNTY.

8. BRAZIL ENUNCIATED FIVE PRINCIPLES THAT SHOULD GOVERN ALL ACTIVITIES IN SPACE. THEY ARE (1) COMMON INTEREST OF ALL COUNTRIES IN SPACE; (2) NON-APPROPRIATION OF SPACE OR CELESTIAL BODIES; (3) USE OF SPACE EXCLUSIVELY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES; (4) ENCOURAGEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION; (5) INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF STATES FOR ACTIONS IN SPACE BY ITS NATIONALS.

9. BRAZIL ASKED THAT THERE BE A PROHIBITION ON USE IN SPACE OF ALL EQUIPMENT OF A MILITARY NATURE AND ON HOSTILE USES OF SPACE. USE OF EQUIPMENT IN SPACE FOR TREATY VERIFICATION HE SAID WOULD BE ALLOWED.

10. NEED FOR THE "EQUITABLE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY" WAS  
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CITED BY BRAZIL AS A REQUIREMENT UNDER "THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER."

11. NO INCOMPATIBILITY WAS SEEN BY BRAZIL BETWEEN THE 1967 OUTER SPACE TREATY AND THE IDEA OF PROVIDING THE GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT (GSO) WITH A SPECIAL SUI GENERIS CHARACTER. WANTS SEPARATE LEGAL REGIME FOR GSO BECAUSE IT IS A LIMITED RESOURCE. DID NOT EXPLICITLY BACK ANY CLAIM OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER GSO.

12. ROMANIA DEPICTED EVERYTHING AS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. CLEARLY PLAYING BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET. SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED OUTER SPACE CONFERENCE AND HOPES IT WILL BE "ACTION ORIENTED" TO INCREASE BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION. ACTIVITIES IN SPACE SHOULD PROTECT SOVEREIGNTY, AVOID INTERFERING IN STATES' INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. DBS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO PROMOTE FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES AND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR MISLEADING CAMPAIGNS NOR TO SOW THE SEEDS OF DISTRUST.

13. ARGENTINA REFERRED IN LAUDATORY TERMS TO RECENT MOU WITH NASA FOR LANDSAT STATION. STRESSED NEED TO ASSUME CONTINUED COMPATIBILITY WITH FUTURE LANDSATS ESPECIALLY LANDSAT-D. ARGENTINA FORMALLY AND "OFFICIALLY" OFFERED TO BECOME THE LOCUS OF A REGIONAL CENTER FOR THE TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS IN REMOTE SENSING.

14. ARGENTINA WAS GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC THAT SOME PROGRESS IN DBS COULD BE MADE HERE BUT WANTED CAREFUL TREATMENT AVOIDING HASTE.

15. THE PROPOSED UN OUTER SPACE CONFERENCE WAS ENDORSED BUT CONFIDENTIAL

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ARGENTINA SAID IT SHOULD NOT BE SUPERIMPOSED ON THE 1979 CONFERENCE ON S&T FOR DEVELOPMENT, BUT TAKE PLACE AFTER THAT CONFERENCE.

16. NIGERIA'S STATEMENT COVERED ALL SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES BRIEFLY. DID NOT MENTION CONSENSUS OR NON-MEMBER PARTICIPATION. ON MOON TREATY, NIGERIA NOTED NEED TO RECOGNIZE INTERESTS OF ALL MANKIND. REFLECTING DISCUSSION HELD PREVIOUS DAY WITH US DEL, HE NOTED THAT THERE MUST BE "EQUITABLE" DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS.

17. NIGERIA'S OPTIMISM ON POSSIBILITY OF PROGRESS IN DBS WAS TEMPERED BY EXISTING DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS AMONG DELEGATIONS. FELT THAT ITU REGULATIONS AND AGREEMENTS DO NOT OBVIATE NEED FOR COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLES.

18. IN REMOTE SENSING, NIGERIA SAID THAT TWO GROUND STATIONS/ PROCESSING STATIONS NOT ADEQUATE FOR AFRICA. FELT PROGRESS

IN THIS MATTER SHOULD BE ACCELERATED. CITED NEED FOR PROTECTING SENSITIVE INFORMATION DERIVED FROM REMOTE SENSING FROM DISCLOSURE TO OTHERS WITHOUT PERMISSION OF SENSED STATE.

19. NIGERIA STATED THAT A UN CONFERENCE ON OUTER SPACE IS NECESSARY BUT WOULD NOT RECOMMEND A DATE.MEEHAN

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